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Speaker Sprowls Applauds Governor for Signing Balanced Budget that Prepares Florida Today for a Better Tomorrow

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (June 2, 2021) — Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, praised Governor Ron DeSantis for signing the state budget today as one that makes record investments in flooding mitigation, education, and budget reserves. The 2021 General Appropriations Act (SB 2500), ensures that Florida continues its path of success and is well-prepared for continued future growth.

“Working with our partners in the Senate and Governor Ron DeSantis, today we enact a budget that funds immediate needs and also long-term priorities for the future,” said Speaker Sprowls. “We provide unprecedented levels of budget reserves, make record investments in higher-education funding, fund an overhaul of our workforce system and extend postpartum Medicaid coverage from two months to a full year. I applaud the Governor for his leadership as we continue our economic rebound from the pandemic – by keeping Florida free and open – and signing a budget that puts Florida’s families and taxpayers first. Congratulations to House Appropriations Chair Jay Trumbull as well as Senate President Wilton Simpson and Senate Appropriations Chair Kelli Stargel for being invaluable colleagues in crafting Florida’s budget.”

“Today’s budget reinforces the fundamental principle that taxpayers, not government, know what is best for their future,” said House Appropriations Chair Trumbull. “We make smart, good-government investments into programs that provide lasting benefits for generations. From bonuses for Florida’s first responders and teachers, large-scale environmental and infrastructure programs, and rebuilding state reserves as Florida continues its economic recovery from COVID-19, we remain one of the nation’s economic leaders. I applaud the Governor for signing this responsible budget, and would like to thank Speaker Chris Sprowls for entrusting me in this entire process, along with my colleague, Senator Kelli Stargel, for working with the House to deliver for all Floridians.”

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